

First Catholic Church
Castroville, Texas.

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FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Castroville, Medina County, Texas.

Owner: Catholic Church

Date of Erection: 1847

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Father Dubuis and the members of his parish.

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Limestone, cypress and oak.

Other Existing Records: Castro-Ville and Henry Castro Empressario by Julia Nott Laugh.

Additional Data:

The cornerstone was laid and blessed on September 12, 1844 by Jean Marie Fin, prelate of Texas and bishop of Claudiopolis, but the church was not actually built until the arrival of Father Dubuis in 1847, who was the first resident priest. In a very short time this building consisting of one small room approximately 14 x 18', became too small and a second one was built and finished on Easter Sunday 1850. The construction of the second church was very poor and had to be torn down and rebuilt; this was finished in 1870. Both churches are still standing and are in good condition.

This information was secured from Castro-Ville and Henry Castro Empressario by Julia Nott Laugh.

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